

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Applicant has amended Claim 26 for clarity. Accordingly, support for amended Claim 26 can be found in the same claim, as previously presented. Applicants has also added new Claims 31-35. Support for new Claims 31-35 can be found on page 20, lines 22-24, of the specification.

No new matter has been added. Claims 26-35 are pending in this application.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

At the outset, Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Russell for indicating that Claims 26-30 are allowed. Applicant respectfully submits that, in view of the present amendment and remarks, all of the pending claims are patentable.

The rejection of Claims 21-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of WO 03/037060 has been obviated by the cancellation of these claims. Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn.

As for new Claims 31-35, Applicants submit that, since these claims all depend from allowed Claim 26, and since a corresponding number of claims has been deleted, Claims 31-35 should be entered and allowed.

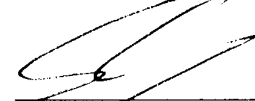
The objections to the specification and the abstract have also been obviated by amendment. As the Examiner will note, page 7 of the specification and the abstract have been amended such that they are free of the criticisms outlined on page 2 of the Office Action. Accordingly, the objections should be withdrawn.

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Applicant submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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